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We went out in the country today to lunch with Cornelia and Arthur Lane at a little restaurant run by Mr. Bosc under the name of "Society of American Gourmets". We had a [redacted] excellent lunch, accompanied by a bottle of Chateau Latour 1947 and a bottle of Bollinger champagne. Arthur has been asked by Summerfield, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, to advise him on certain matters relating to the State Department. The only one [redacted] he mentioned to me, and that in general terms, was psychological warfare. It seems [redacted] the Republican high command is making a study of what might be done in this field.

I spent the rest of the day reading diplomatic memoirs, first, Charles Thayer's "Bears in the Caviar", portions of which are [redacted] amusing, and second, Joe Grew's recollections. These last are [redacted] lengthy and have in them important material that will be helpful to later historians.

I also completed tonight a short biography of Robert S. Surtees, creator of the immortal Jorrocks, by an English author named Cooper. I thought it a superficial book, but it shed [redacted] new light on Surtees. [redacted]

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